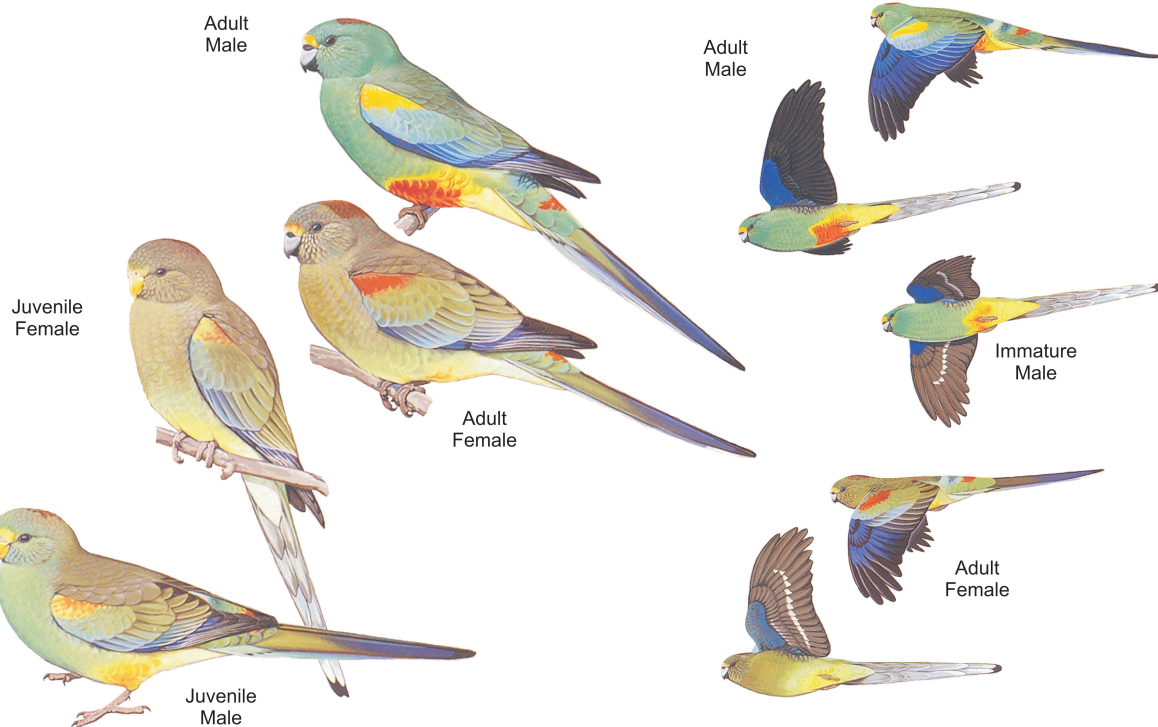


Mulga Parrot *Psophodes varius* Species No.: 296 Band size: 23



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	127 – 148 mm	123 – 137 mm
Tail:	155 – 186 mm	154 – 174 mm
Weight:	50 – 71 g	51 – 66 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	upper mandible light blue-grey with grey-black tip and darker grey cutting edge;	upper mandible orange-yellow to orange-buff with slightly darker cutting edge; lower mandible darker orange-yellow, but bill colour starts to change to adult colour from c. 4 weeks;

Immatures attain full adult plumage from commencement of second pre-basic moult at c. 12 months from fledging coinciding with adult post breeding moult. Thus adults aged (2+).

Sexing :

Sexes are plumage dimorphic at all ages;

	Male	Female
Head:	mostly blue-green with yellow frontal band and contrasting maroon or red-brown patch on hindcrown & nape;	mostly dull green with exposed light grey-brown bases to feathers making crown appear dull and mottled with straw yellow frontal band and rufous-brown hindcrown and nape;
Shoulder patch:	adult yellow	adult – dull orange or orange-rufous;
Underwing:	juvenile & immature have an off-white bar like females, absent in adult;	off-white underwing bar all ages;

Incubation by female alone.